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- Twenty-one outstanding workers selected from mines and factories under the North Korean Ministry of Heavy Industry left for a three-month visit to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe [REDACTED] This group, headed by the chief engineer of the Kumtök Lead Mine, was to observe factories in Hungary and mines in the Ural District of the Soviet Union. The group returned to North Korea [REDACTED] gave a report on the trip in the Ministry of Heavy Industry conference hall. [REDACTED] a group of 100 unskilled workers from factories and mines under the Ministry of Heavy Industry were selected to go to P'yongyang for a brief course on the Russian language and [REDACTED] they departed for an 18-month visit to the Soviet Union. [REDACTED] another group of 100 workers were sent to the Soviet Union for a one-year training program.

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- Two hundred workers were selected from factories under the Ministry of Heavy Industry and sent to China [REDACTED] for a six-month training program. Approximately 70 percent of the trainees were lathe workers; the rest were casters. The trainees were between 20 and 30 years old.

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- [REDACTED] six graduate students of economics, four graduate students of engineering and three graduate students of mining were assigned to the Ministry of Heavy Industry. This group had returned to North Korea after five years of study in the Soviet Union. The first three years of their study had been spent in Koriki¹ and Tomsk, in Tomsk Oblast, and the last two years in Moscow. In February 1953 the four persons listed from this group were in the following positions:

CHANG Hui-sun (1728/8408/7311), aged 28, a graduate of economics, a graduate of the P'yongyang Commercial School, and a native of Hwanghae Province, was employed as an auditor in the Office of Finance.

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HO Ch'ang-ku (3275/2490/0046), aged 32, a graduate of economics, a graduate of the Sariwon Commercial School, and a native of Hwanghae Province, worked in the Planning Section of the Department of Machinery Control.

KIM Yong-kuk (6855/7893/0948), aged 27 and a graduate of engineering, was employed as an engineering director in the Office of Engineering.

KO Ch'an-hyŏk (7559/3605/6378), aged 27 and a graduate of economics, was employed as a statistician in the Office of Economic Planning.

1. ☐ Comment. This is the Korean phonetic reading of the place name.

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